Mines Labour Welfare Fund held in New Delhi on 20th July, 1987. The General Secretary, United Mineral Workers Union (AITUC) was informed that loaders, who were employed in the mines, were workers and as such were entitled to the benefits under the Iron Ore, Manganese Ore and Chrome Ore Mines Labour Welfare Fund.

Charges against Chairman and Managing Director of (C)

1129. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have told Mr. N. Jayaraman, Chairman and Managing Director, Cotton Corporation of India, to proceed on leave;

(b) if so, from which date and what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this action could be attributed to the loss of crores of rupees incurred by CCI over a forward export contract for raw cotton signed in September, 1986;

(d) if so, whether any enquiry was conducted into the said matter; and

(e) if so, what are the findings thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (e) On the basis of some complaints alleging lower value realisations in certain export transactions of the Cotton Corporation of India during the current cotton year, the Government ordered an enquiry by the Central Bureau of Investigation. Shri N. Jayaraman, former Chairman and Managing Director of Cotton Corporation of India has also proceeded on have with effect from 9th July, 1987. Necessary action has also been initiated to ensure that comprehensive guidelines are laid down in respect of export ransections in order that such complaints do not arise in future.

Smuggling of equipments and technology by Pakistan for making atomic bomb.

1130. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SAGAR RAYKA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan Government or some of its citizens were involved in smuggling equipments and technology for making atonic bomb; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) whether the Government of India have independently taken up this issue with the U.S.A. or any international forum expressing its concern over the matter: if so, what are the details thereof including action demanded against Pakistan; and

(c) whether any other neighbouring country is also planning to fanufacture atomic weapons and if so, what are the available details with Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The international media and known experts have documented attempts made by Pakistan to acquire clandestinely equipment and technology that can be used for the production of nuclear weapons. In July 1987, it was reported that a Canadian resident of Pakistani origin was arrested for attempting to smuggle from the USA, through bribery and deception .sensitive materials used in manufacturing nuclear weapons. Another report in the same month revealed that in 1982 and 1983 a large amount of sophisticated electronic equipment that could be used in making nuclear bombs was exported from the USA to Pakistan illegally through a third country.

(b) Yes, Sir. Government have repeatedly urged the US Administration to use its influence with Pakistan as also available

means under US laws to check the non peaceful aspects of Pakistan's nuclear programme. India's concerns have also been conveyed to some members of the US Congress.

(c) Government are not aware of any other neighbouring country planning to manufacture atomic weapons.

Permission for import of raw material in free trade zones

1131. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SAGAR RAYKA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to sttate:

(a) whether the import of raw materials, semifinished materials and other components is permitted in hard currency in a Free Trade Zone where the end product or finished goods are exported to soft-currency area;

(b) whether it is a fact that such transactions took place in Kandla Free Trade Zone; if so, what are the details theerof including the names of units which indulged in such transactions and that of it directors, partners ore proprietors; and

(c) what are the details of such cases from other Free Trade Zones including the amount of imports made in hard-currency and amount of exports done in rupee currency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) There is no restriction regarding the sources of procurement of inputs for processing by units in the Export Processing Zones. These units may export the finished product to Rupee Currency Areas in accordance with the terms of approval in each case. Exports from Kandla Free Trade Zone (KAFIZ) are made predominently to Rupee Currency Areas while Santacruz Electronic Export processing Zone (SEEPZ) caters predominently to the General Currency Areas.

Information regarding import from General Currency Areas and exports to Rupee Currency Areas from the Export processing Zones is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sarkaria Commission

1132. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for non-submission of report by the Sarkaria Commission on inter-state relations; and

(b) what is the date on which the term of Sarkaria Commission is expiring and how many times its term has been extended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Delay in the finalisation of the Cimmissions report is due to delay in submission of views by some State Governments and also because of the importance, complexity and enormity of the work involved in reviewing the Centre-State relations.

(b) Th Commission's extended terms will be expiring on 31st October, 1987. The Commission's term has been extended 5 times.

दिल्ली कपड़ा मिल्स का प्रबन्ध ग्रहण

1133. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **वस्त्र** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली कपड़ा मिल्स का प्रबन्ध ग्रहण करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली महानगर परिषद् में हाल में ऊपर उल्लिखित मिल का प्रबन्ध-ग्रहण करने का एक प्रस्ताव सर्वसम्मति से पारित किया गया था ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार की उस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) जी, नहीं ।